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> In the Matter of Federal State Joint Order On Universal Service -- CC Docket No. 96-45: Forward-Looking Mechanisms For High Cost Support -- CC Docket No. 97-160

Dear Secretary Salas:

In the <u>Universal Service Report and Order</u> released May 8, 1997, the Commission authorized state commissions to submit state specific forward-looking cost studies to determine federal universal service support for non-rural local exchange carriers. Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 97-157, para. 248. By letter dated August 13, 1997 the New York Department advised the Commission of its intention to file a forward-looking economic cost study. However, in light of the uncertainties surrounding the Commission model, the NYDPS does not intend to file its cost study.

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